

REMARKS

Claims 3 - 22 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration. The remaining independent claims are claims 3 and 13.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 1 and 2 are sought to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 3 – 22 are sought to be added.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended merely to clarify the claims and expedite the prosecution of the application, not to overcome any cited references.

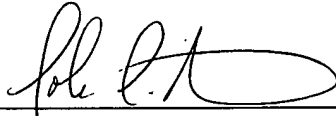
Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

The examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 101, 102 and 112. These claims have been canceled and therefore the rejection is now moot.

Applicant believes that all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action have been properly accommodated or addressed. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and withdraw them. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is felt that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted
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